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Idaho Monthly Milk Production Up 6.2 Percent

Idaho milk production during April 2008 totaled 994 million pounds, a 6.2 percent increase from the same month last year, but down 24 million pounds from revised March 2008, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Average milk production per cow in April 2008 was 1,840 pounds, down 45 pounds from revised March 2008, and down 20 pounds from April 2007. The average number of milk cows during April was 540,000 head, unchanged from March 2008 and up 37,000 head from April 2007.

Milk production in the 23 major States during April totaled 14.8 billion pounds, up 2.5 percent from April 2007. March revised production at 15.1 billion pounds, was up 2.3 percent from March 2007. The March revision represented a decrease of 10 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,757 pounds for April, 12 pounds above April 2007. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.44 million head, 152,000 head more than April 2007, and 8,000 head more than March 2008.

